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SUBJ: MARINE SAFETY INSIGNIA

A. UNIFORM REGULATIONS, COMDTINST M1020.6D

1. ON 02 NOV 00, THE COMMANDANT APPROVED THE MARINE SAFETY QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA TO RECOGNIZE PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT BY QUALIFYING ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, CIVILIAN, AND AUXILIARY PERSONNEL SERVING THE MARINE SAFETY MISSION. A SMALL AMOUNT OF THOSE INSIGNIA HAVE ARRIVED FROM THE MANUFACTURER AND, ON 10 APR 01, THE COMMANDANT PRESENTED ME WITH THE FIRST MARINE SAFETY INSIGNIA AT A PINNING CEREMONY HELD AT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS. IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT I HAVE ACCEPTED AND WEAR THIS INSIGNIA ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MARINE SAFETY PROFESSIONALS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.
2. THE MARINE SAFETY PROGRAM IS A CORNERSTONE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WITH A LONG, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRACK RECORD OF PROFESSIONALISM. WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARINE SAFETY QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA, OR "M PRO-PIN", THE COAST GUARD MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE THIS PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE RECOGNITION COMPARABLE TO OTHER PROFESSIONAL INSIGNIA FOR ATTAINING THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THIS BROAD AND COMPLEX MISSION. THE CRITERIA ARE NOT EASY TO OBTAIN AND MANY HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED MARINE SAFETY PROFESSIONALS MAY NOT IMMEDIATELY QUALIFY. BUT IN SEEKING TO QUALIFY FOR THE PIN, IT IS EXPECTED THAT MANY WILL INCREASE THEIR OWN PROFESSIONAL PRIDE AND VALUE TO THE COAST GUARD.
3. IN THE SPIRIT OF QUICKLY SHARING ALL THAT THE M PRO-PIN SYMBOLIZES, I HAVE PRESENTED THE SECOND INSIGNIA TO THE MST RATING FORCE MANAGER, MSTCM BELL. FURTHER, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY WHILE VISITING MSO CHARLESTON, SC TO PRESENT INSIGNIA TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO WERE QUALIFIED TO WEAR IT. IN THE NEAR FUTURE, A SPECIAL PLAQUE WILL BE ISSUED TO PARENT OPERATIONAL MARINE SAFETY UNITS BEARING THE INSIGNIA.
4. ORDERS FOR FULL SCALE PRODUCTION OF THE M PRO-PIN HAVE BEEN INITIATED AND I EXPECT DELIVERY OF SUFFICIENT QUANTITY FOR OUR PROGRAM NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THIS FISCAL YEAR. EACH PERSON WHO QUALIFIES TO WEAR THE M PRO-PIN WILL BE ISSUED THEIR FIRST INSIGNIA. AN INITIAL DISTRIBUTION OF INSIGNIA WILL BE MADE THROUGH G-M TO MARINE SAFETY UNITS AND STAFFS AFTER A COUNT OF QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS IS CONDUCTED. FURTHER INSTRUCTION ON RELAYING A COUNT OF QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS (INCLUDING RETIREES - SEE PARA 7. BELOW) TO G-M WILL BE COMMUNICATED VIA SEPARATE E-MAIL. AFTER THIS INITIAL DISTRIBUTION, UNITS AND STAFFS MAY PLACE ORDERS DIRECTLY WITH THE UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION CENTER (UDC). ACCOMPANYING THE INSIGNIA WILL BE A UNIQUE CERTIFICATE INDICATING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS MET ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO BE ISSUED THE M PRO-PIN. MARINE SAFETY UNIT COMMANDING OFFICERS, ACTIVITY COMMANDING OFFICERS, AREA (M), DISTRICT (M), OR G-MO MAY SIGN THESE CERTIFICATES. FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL INSIGNIA, THE UDC WILL BE STOCKED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE THE M PRO-PIN, THE MANNER OF WEAR IS THAT PRESCRIBED IN CHAPTER TWO OF REFERENCE A. CIVILIANS ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE PIN ON ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING.
5. UNIT COMMANDING OFFICERS AND THOSE WITH CERTIFICATE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY SHALL ENSURE INDIVIDUALS HAVE EARNED FOUR MARINE SAFETY

QUALIFICATIONS AND SERVED FOUR YEARS AT AN OPERATIONAL MARINE SAFETY UNIT PRIOR TO ISSUING INSIGNIA AND SHALL DOCUMENT ISSUANCE OF THE INSIGNIA VIA A PAGE 7 ENTRY. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON THE CRITERIA FOR EARNING THE M PRO-PIN, OR FOR TEMPORARY WEAR WHILE ASSIGNED TO A MARINE SAFETY UNIT, CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-MR/M-STAFF/GM\(1\).HTM](http://CGWEB.COMDT.USCG.MIL/G-MR/M-STAFF/GM(1).HTM). PERSONNEL NOT CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO A MARINE SAFETY UNIT OR STAFF MAY SUBMIT PROOF OF QUALIFICATIONS AND TIME SERVED TO THE NEAREST MARINE SAFETY UNIT OR STAFF ELEMENT.

6. ORDERS FOR PRODUCTION OF A MINIATURE HAVE ALSO BEEN INITIATED AND I ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS TO PURCHASE WITHIN THIS FISCAL YEAR.

7. COMMANDING OFFICERS SHALL ENSURE THAT PERSONNEL WHO HAVE RETIRED ON OR AFTER 01 NOV 00 ARE ALSO ISSUED A PIN AND CERTIFICATE, IF ELIGIBLE. PERSONNEL WITH RETIREMENT DATES BEFORE 01 NOV 00, OR PERSONNEL WHOSE LAST STATION WAS NOT A MARINE SAFETY UNIT, MAY SUBMIT PROOF OF QUALIFICATIONS AND TIME SERVED TO THE NEAREST MARINE SAFETY UNIT OR STAFF ELEMENT. COMMANDING OFFICERS SHALL ONLY DISTRIBUTE CERTIFICATES TO PERSONNEL WITH RETIREMENT DATES BEFORE 01 NOV 2000, AS APPROPRIATE.

8. BRAVO ZULU TO ALL WHO SERVE THE MARINE SAFETY MISSION AND MAY YOU PROUDLY WEAR THE M PRO-PIN FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COAST GUARD. SEMPER PARATUS.

9. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

10. RADM R. C. NORTH, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR MARINE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (G-M), SENDS.

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